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SUBJECT: WCRP EFFORTS TO ASSIST INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REF: (A) SINGAPORE 524; (B) STATE 20568; (C) KUALA LUMPUR  
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1. POSTS SHOULD EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO HOMER JACK FOR HIS  
COOPERATION IN CANCELLING WCRP PLAN TO TRANSPORT REFUGEES  
FROM CAMPS IN SEA TO AUSTRALIA OR GUAM. AS INDICATED REF  
B, PERSISTENCE IN THIS PLAN WOULD HAVE CREATED SERIOUS  
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DANGERS FOR COORDINATED UNHCR PLAN TO ASSIST THESE REFUGEES.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT PRESENT SITUATION LEAVES WCRP IN VERY  
DIFFICULT STRAITS WITH DANGER OF EXTREME REACTION ON PART  
OF THOSE REFUGEES NOW ON WCRP SHIPS. THIS, IN TURN, COULD  
CAUSE A REVERSAL IN THE DECISION NOT TO PROCEED WITH PLAN  
TO TAKE REFUGEES ELSEWHERE. WHILE THIS PROBLEM IS AD-

MITTEDLY OF WCRP'S OWN MAKING, MOTIVATIONS WERE HUMANITARIAN.  
FURTHER, WE BELIEVE JACK'S INTERVENTION CALLS FOR EQUALLY  
COOPERATIVE EFFORTS ON PART OF UNHCR AND OF GOVERNMENTS  
COOPERATING IN UNHCR EFFORTS.

3. FOR BANGKOK AND KUALA LUMPUR: SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN  
EFFORTS BY UNHCR TO COORDINATE HANDLING OF THESE REFUGEES  
IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE GOVERNMENTS OF MALAYSIA AND THAILAND  
TO PERMIT THEM TO RE-LAND IN FIRST ASYLUM STATUS. IT CAN  
BE POINTED OUT THAT USG PROGRAM FOR CE OF BOAT CASES NOW  
APPROVED AND SOON TO BE UNDERWAY. PRIORITY ATTENTION WILL  
BE GIVEN TO MOVING THOSE REFUGEES FROM WCRP VESSELS QUALI-  
FIED UNDER EPP, IF GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WILL ALLOW THEM  
TO LAND AGAIN.

5. FOR GENEVA: MISSION SHOULD URGE UNHCR TO INSTRUCT REPS  
IN BOTH KUALA LUMPUR AND BANGKOK TO URGE HOST GOVERNMENTS  
TO ALLOW REFUGEES BACK IN QUOTE BOAT CASE UNQUOTE  
LOCATIONS ON THEIR SHORES AND TO CONTINUE EFFORT TO MOVE  
THESE REFUGEES TO COUNTRIES OF TRADITIONAL RESETTLEMENT.

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